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## Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 1 Percent in September

HARRISBURG, PA, Oct 26, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during September 2007 totaled 100.9 million pounds, down 1 percent from September 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 95.3 million pounds live weight, was up 8 percent from September 2006. Total head slaughtered was 77,000, up 6 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,247 pounds, up 19 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.9 million pounds live weight, down 16 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 12,000 head was down 19 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 13 pounds to 412 pounds.

Pork production was 57.2 million pounds live weight, down 7 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 225,900, down 7 percent from September 2006. Average live weight decreased 1 pound from last year to 254 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during September 2007 was 469,000 pounds live weight, up 14 percent from September 2006. The number slaughtered was 4,700, up 9 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 4 pounds to 99 pounds.

**Nationally**, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in September 2007 totaled 3.86 billion pounds, down 2 percent from September 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Veal production totaled 9.4 million pounds, down 22 percent from September a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 5 percent from September 2006.

January-September red meat production was 35.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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